

<u>Date</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Details</u>
10-Jan	PRINCE OF WALES - BRITAIN'S MOST POWERFUL STEAM LOCOMOTIVE	Chris Ardy	Chris from the P2 Steam Locomotive Company gives a talk on the building of the 7th member of the P2 class Gresley locomotive. <b>See newsletter article.</b>
24-Jan	AGM followed by THE RAILWAYS OF CHINA = part 2	AGM + Andy Fewster	The first half will be our AGM. The 2nd half will be committee member Andy Fewster who gives the 2nd part of his presentation on steam in China
14-Feb	RAILWAYS & THE RAJ	Christian Wolmar	Award winning writer and broadcaster Christian gives a talk based on his recently published book on Britain, India & Empire
28-Feb	THE SETTLE & CARLISLE RAILWAY	John Harrison	This is the story of England's most spectacular main line railway. The talk brings you glimpses of the line's past and recent history, gathered over many years. Looking at the line's spectacular viaducts and how they were built, and its magnificent surroundings,
14-Mar	DISPERSAL FROM DUNKIRK	Peter Tatlow	Peter who gave a talk on Harrow & Wealdstone in 2009 returns to our club, this time he tells what happened when in the early summer of 1940, over a third of a million men were landed on the south-east corner of England in 10 days in what they stood up in? Peter Tatlow whose father was one of those rescued, will describe how the railways organised 'on the hoof' the dispersal of the troops to their restcamps, their despatch on leave and reassembly into fighting units to repel the impending invasion
28-Mar	MULHOUSE MEANDERINGS	Richard Green	Richard Green brings us the story of the Society's 2017 European trip with photographic contributions from all involved
11-Apr	RAMBLING RAILWAYMAN'S RECOLLECTIONS	Geoff Burch	Geoff returns for his 3rd visit and his talk follows on from where his last talk left off when he transferred to Woking as a second man. Geoff continues with his stories following the path of his working life at Effingham Junction, Woking and Waterloo training school finally becoming Training design manager with South West Trains
25-Apr	RAILWAY, DOCK & CANAL POLICING	Steve Beamon BA	Steve from the British Transport Police History Group gives a talk on British Transport policing from 1948 to the present day.
09-May	CHILTERN RAILWAYS	Dave Penney	The Managing Director of Chiltern Railways gives his talk entitled "Running a modern railway"
23-May	29 YEARS ON THE NORTH YORK MOORS RAILWAY	Ian Foot	Ian, who has had various roles on the NYMR will give a talk which includes a short history, a description of the line and running to Whitby
13-Jun	THE SEVERN RAILWAY BRIDGE DISASTER OF 1960	Alan Hayward <i>FREng, CEng, FICE, FStructE</i>	Alan describes the history of the Sharpness bridge, the longest Railway bridge in England, completed in 1879, with reference to the mechanism of the disaster
27-Jun	RIVER KWAI RAILWAY- THE TRUE STORY	Paul Whittle	The talk covers the story of the railway's construction and examines the many differences between actual events and those portrayed in the famous film
11-Jul	MEETING CANCELLED		clashed with World cup semi-final - moved to 8 August
25-Jul	CROSSRAIL2	Richard Joslin Stuart Bugg	The Local Consultation and Engagement Officers will focus on the development journey of the Crossrail2 scheme and the current public proposals

08-Aug	AFRICAN ADVENTURE	David Brace	David will describe his experiences on a Geoff's Trains tour of 6 countries in Southern Africa last year. This will include visiting steam depots & the 'Stars of Sandstone' festival as well as experiencing the power of the Garretts in Zimbabwe. Some shots of big African game will also be included for those less interested in railways
22-Aug	THE ROYAL ARSENAL RAILWAY	Ian Bull	Ian gives a talk on this narrow gauge railway which was specifically designed for Woolwich and finally ceased in 1971
12-Sep	"THAT WAS THE YEAR THAT WAS" - 1966	Geoff Plumb	Geoff visited us in 2016 and gave his presentation on 1967, he now returns and goes back a year to 1966. The talk includes the Met & GCR Joint line, the WCML, the Ffestiniog railway. Then more shots of the Met and a visit to Crewe works. Then an RCTS tour commemorating the last days of the S&D with various Bulleid Pacifics etc. Then there is the 8 counties railtour before a final look at the S&DJR after closure. Also included are visits to Longmoor, Bluebell, K&ESR, Shap, north Wales and much much more!
26-Sep	GWR CAMPING COACHES <i>Full synopsis in September newsletter</i>	Mike Fenton	Railway historian and musician gives a talk on the GWR's Camp Coach scheme of the 1930s, based on memories and photos of many folk who participated in the holidays. Mike tells the story of the research as well as the scheme itself with some rare archive material. A presentation suitable not just for railway buffs but anyone interested in social history. Mike's wife also attends and together they present a short musical interlude.
10-Oct	STEAMING THROUGH SUSSEX	Bill Gage	Tonight's speaker has had a life long interest in railways since the age of 3 when he used to ride behind his father's passenger carrying steam locomotives. Tonight's talk includes tales of wind and fire at Bognor Regis, the runaway steam horse at Petworth. Steam on the Petersfield-Midhurst Line, the race of Queen Victoria's train and the eccentric Selsey Tramway. A visit to Hayling Island is also included!
24-Oct <b>19.30 start</b>	A TOUR DE FRANCE BY NARROW GAUGE	Mike Bunn	Mike visits us for the 3rd time with another of his French presentations. This talk covers the rise and fall of the vast network of narrow gauge railways in France and those that have survived into current day public service, preservation and tourist lines.
*07-Nov	PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION	David Brace and others	A later date this year to give you more time to submit your entries all of which will be most welcome in whatever format.
*21-Nov	HOME AND AWAY	Ian Francis	Ian's travels around the UK and Overseas, 2016-2018
*05-Dec	STEAM LOCOMOTIVES - WESTERN USA	Chris Ardy	A continuation of Chris's talk to us some years ago on the eastern half of USA. This presentation will have photos and videos of steam locomotives from Colorado westwards and north including California and Alaska.
*19-Dec	CHRISTMAS FILM & BUFFET <b>MINDER ON THE ORIENT EXPRESS</b>	Dennis Waterman & George Cole	<b>to be confirmed at the October committee meeting</b> a comedy/thriller made in 1985 as a spin-off from the successful television series with plenty of railway content

*\*1st & 3rd Wednesdays*